

LSBME
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 14, 2016 Time 9:00 am

Location: LSBME Office

Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Ken Alexander, Sue Davis, Mike Nolan, Diana Merendino, Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Dave Vicknair

Absent: Elizabeth Hamilton

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Call to order 9:03am; quorum established	
Approval of Minutes: 12-14-16	Minutes reviewed – correction in spelling needed for Kettering	Motion was made by Ken Alexander to approve minutes with spelling correction; seconded by Brett Stafford. All in attendance voted yes.
Old Business: Current Credential for licensure renewals Follow-up Sleep Sciences	<p>Tabled until the committee is able to meet with new Executive Director.</p> <p>Dave Vicknair has not received any info from Sleep Sciences. Dave had requested a photo of the device, questionnaire to be used and the measurements needed for appropriate fitting following the December meeting.</p>	

<p>New Business:</p> <p>New Executive Director</p> <p>Scope of Practice Question: (See attached with 2 Questions)</p> <p>(1). BiPaP / CPAP Questions</p> <p>(2). Extubating Brain Dead Patient</p>	<p>Mr. Eric D. Torres has been appointed to the position of Executive Director. Legislation prohibits holding 2 offices, so Dr. Mouton gave up her position as Executive Director and is still over Investigations. Mr. Torres is a lawyer that was previously with DHH. Mr. Torres was invited to meet the RCAC today, however he is in attendance at the LSBME BOD meeting today and may not be able to break away from that meeting. He will be invited to our next meeting.</p> <p>Prior to the delivering a BiPAP/CPAP to a patient's home, is the HME allowed to pre-set the pressures, under the guidance of a licensed RT and in accordance with the physician's prescription? RCAC agree this is okay.</p> <p>Is remote programming allowed? RCAC needs clarification here. Would this be based on physician prescription.</p> <p>Is it permissible for a licensed RT to instruct a non-licensed individual telephonically on how to set these pressures, contingent upon a follow-up visit by the licensed RT. RCAC says NO. The committee feels that ANY changes in pressures should be performed by a licensed RT.</p> <p>Is it within the scope of practice for a respiratory therapist to extubate a patient that is brain dead? RCAC agrees that RT's can extubate patients</p>	<p>.</p> <p>Raymond Pisani will send Committee's Opinions to Dave Vicknair.</p>
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<p>AARC Approval of CEU's</p>	<p>with an order from a physician. If this question revolves around an ethical implication, an ethics committee should be consulted.</p> <p>Dave Vicknair wanted to know about the CEU process for the AARC. CEU for LSRC sponsored events are free, CEU application must be done 30 days in advance of the event. In the past AARC would approve a course for a year and date the time frame. It was stated that now the AARC does not list the date – you must check the website or call program planner for expiration date.</p>	
<p>DHH RT Competencies</p>	<p>The RT license and Scope of Practice does not address DHH RT competencies. Ken Alexander stated some of these competencies are regulated by CMS and Joint Commission. The individual set standards for these regulating agencies in their policies. Each individual hospital had developed staff competencies for their clinical and non-clinical staff.</p>	
<p>Out of state applicants for licensure</p>	<p>Dave Vicknair stated that he is seeing more out of state applications.</p>	
<p>Re-instatement of license: (Cathy Storm and Ronnie Spooner, LSBME Investigations, present for discussion)</p>	<p>The RCAC was presented with a request for RT license reinstatement from an individual originally licensed as RT, but whose license subsequently expired. The individual received an RN license and this license was subsequently suspended. Investigations met with applicant in January; the applicant sought re-instatement with the Nursing Board which provided a list of requirements to be completed before</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani to send Committee's Opinion to Dave Vicknair to be forwarded to Investigations.</p>

	consideration. Upon discussion with Ms. Storm and Ms. Spooner, the RCAC recommended the applicant comply with the Nursing Board requirements for reinstatement, and upon completion of those requirement be considered for RT License with screens and consent order in place.	
CEU Audits	No audits today. Peter Zengel retired; LSBME is working on process with the on-line applications. Letters to be sent to individuals requesting material for audit.	
Next Meeting	June 13, 2016: Raymond to check with future LSBME BOD meeting dates to make sure both are not held on same day; RCAC would like to meet Mr. Torres	Raymond to send out email confirming or request for change in date.
2016 Meeting Dates	June 13, 2016 September 12, 2016 December 5, 2016	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 11:00am	Sue Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Brett Stafford; All in attendance voted yes.